

REMARKS

By the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, the Examiner states that the application contains the following distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-11, 27, drawn to a solution, classified in class 505, subclass 01.
- II. Claims 12-26, drawn to a method of making semiconductor devices, classified in class 438, subclass 678.

The claims of the present invention are directed to a common subject matter, e.g., a solution for use in a chemical mechanical polishing process and a method of manufacturing a copper metal interconnection layer. It is believed that the claims share common subject matter and the search and examination of the entire application can be made by the Examiner without serious burden. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is earnestly solicited.

It is recognized that in order for this paper to be responsive to the Office Action, an election must be made. Therefore, Applicants elect the claims 12-26 (invention II) at this time for prosecution in this case.

In view of foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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